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INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES.

BERLIN, March 1.—Count De Saint Vallier, French Ambassador here, gave a dinner at the Embassy to-night, which we attended by the Emperor, Prince Bismarck, the principal court dignitaries, Prince Hohenlohe, Count Stolberg Wernigerode, and Gen. Von Der Goltz and Von Lehndorff.

DEBATE ON THE ARMY BILL.

BERLIN, March 1.—In the debate which followed the introduction of the Army Bill in the Reichstag, Herr Richter thanked Gen. Camenk for his final statement. He said that it showed that the Panslavs views entertained in some quarters relative to the relations of Germany and Russia were unfounded.

Herr Richter, as compensation for the increased burdens imposed by the bill, proposed a reduction of the period of military service to two years.

GEN. VON MOLTKE.

said: "All our neighbors are more or less safe from attack in the rear, and need only to present a front on one side. They have stationed a considerable portion of their land forces close to our borders. Our regiments are distributed equally over the whole country. Since the conclusion of the Turkish war Russia has considerably extended her military establishment, and France has doubled her army; meanwhile we have kept our troops with the proportion of 1 per cent of our population. France has an army of 400,000 men, while Germany has only 40,000 soldiers. The peace strength of Russia is twice as great as ours. The full time of service in France is two years, and in Russia four years, while in Germany it is only one year. The degree in which our army is behind others can only be made up for by activity. I can only sincerely deplore that the Russian Government has not been willing to sacrifice on the German nation. We must preserve and uphold the peace abroad even as far as our strength allows. We shall perhaps not be able to prevent the Emperor of Orlina from the Government's position, but it is probable that the diplomatic relations will be broken off.

MEXICO.

PARIS, March 1.—A correspondent has seen

M. Engelhard, counsel of Hartmann the Nihilist, and read to him the following description of the man who is known to be the author of the Moscow attempt, and supposed to be his client. It is published in *Le Globe*, a newspaper, "says the description. "He is a tall, light, fair-haired man, having long face, clear complexion, straight nose. His nostrils are rather dilated. There is a small dimple on the right side of his nose, and another on the left side of the right hand. The left shoulder is a little higher than the right. His Russian accent is very decided. His letters are small and very clear.

THE STUDENTS' MEETING.

PARIS, March 1.—The meeting was held with which he was certain that the Russians had nothing to do with it. The meeting took place at the Salle des Etoiles, Rue de l'Amiral de Grasse, was a most tumultuous and exciting affair. Invitations had been issued so as to give a private character to the meeting, but many persons had gathered outside, and by outsiders, without cards, and from that time till the end the scene was one of terrible confusion. About 2,000 pale, studious-looking young men, mostly students, the flower of the Latin Quarter, were present in the body of the hall. Two hundred more were on the platform. All were shouting, running, shouting, shouting, shouting, course, calling for silence. The organizers of the meeting did not appear. One had been carried home by his parents, another was discovered in a room, another in a corner. In the midst of the uproar, a feeble-looking old man, with sharp features and scanty hair, was hurried upon the platform by no other than the irrepressible Blanqui. As soon as the company caught sight of him there arose a great cry. M. Blanqui was again and again called upon to speak, and when he was voted incoherently into the chair. From this cognisance of vantage he proceeded to inveigh against the Ministry. He said that he had been advised by Judge Moore, and his lawyer, to tell what he knew. He then told the audience to the best of his knowledge that the Emperor of Orlina had not confessed anything, but had not yet received orders to the legal papers to that effect. The Russian to the French authorities, Engelhard also informed the correspondent that he had informed all the Russians he knew to attend.

THE VATICAN AND BRAZIL.

ROMA, March 1.—The Vatican is disassociated with the conduct of the Brazilian Government, and is disposed to approve of the proposed proposal for the Bishopric of Orlina. He says that Hartmann is calm, and not at all agitated. On receiving the news he was greatly relieved, and he was discharged. Thereupon Fee was arrested for perjury, as recommended by the Pope.

A SEARCH-WARRANT was then procured and an officer sent to Miss McPherson's residence, No. 211 State Street. No tickets were found in her place, but in the concealed in her mouth the seal-wax on the envelope was stamped. After his arrival in the city he had visited the scene of the conflagration this forenoon, and still found the building standing.

THE PIRATES OF PENSACOLA.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 1.—The Senate of the Fourth Cavalry here, a company of Indians to-morrow. The object is incursions into the Indian Territory.

THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.

NEW YORK, N. J., March 1.—The St. Lawrence River at Cape Vincent is clear of today teams were crossing on the ice.

Aye no ice was to be seen. Such a appearance was before unknown.

MILITARY IN NORTHERN WRITING.

allowing an interesting colloquy in New York in *Scorpion*, "Lorraine," "Lorraine," and "Lorraine" reveals a unique and valuable to his ever achieving fame of fiction.

"I'm not a writer man," says Ferrol, "but you're a literary man, an writer—novel—stories, an' poems'—ever seen one before—not as know who

why not?" remarks Ferrol. "I'm not as good as I am," he added reflectively. "I had only one on ye now an' as I am, I'm not as good as I am."

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Randolph street, between Clark and La Salle. Management of Maggie Mitchell. "Feast of Savoy."

Harvesty's Theatre.

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Micklin's Theatre.

Madison street, between Dearborn and State. Entertainment by Prof. Reynolds.

Hershey Music-Hall.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 38, A. F. and A. M.—Baptist Tabernacle, 12th and Dearborn. A meeting of the Tabernacle will be held on the 1st day in March.

The fraternity cordially invited.

C. H. CRANE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1880.

The French Free-Traders are agitating

against an increase in the Custom-House

duty.

The reduction in the National debt during

the month of February was over five and a

half millions.

The County Board, at their meeting yester-

day, decided to purchase from 300 to 300

acres of land for a Poor-House.

THE American horse Farole is the first

favorite for the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be

run on the 17th of March.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, the poet-states-

man, will leave Madrid this week to assume

his post as Minister to England.

THE Virginia Democratic or Conservative

State Central Committee will, on the 10th

inst., issue a call for a State Convention.

THE Hill District Bank, located in York-

shire, England, has suspended payment. It

has a nominal capital of \$415,000, and a paid-

up one of \$40,000 only.

A SUMMER of bills looking to the reduction

of the cost of paper by the free admission

of articles used in its manufacture were yes-

terday offered in the House.

TREAS. Sociales have resolved to confine

their efforts at the coming city election to

those wards where there is a chance of elect-

ing their candidates for Aldermen.

TAX total insurance involved by February

this year in Chicago was \$715,000, and the

loss \$36,382; again \$79,108 involved last

year, and a loss of \$66,767.71.

THE French Radicals have not everything

their own way in Paris. A Bonapartist

was elected at the municipal election Sunday.

for one of the divisions of that city.

GENERAL advance of wages has occurred

at Lowell, Mass., the manufacturers agree-

ing to the increase of their own motion, and

without petition or demand by the working-

men.

THE celebration of the twenty-fifth anni-

versary of the Czar's accession to the auto-

racy of all the Russias will consist in a re-

ception, some devotions, a military parade,

and a cannon salute.

THE staid and highly respectable London

Times has been indulging in a sensation.

The French press is almost unanimous in

denouncing its interpretation of the resigna-

tion of Prince Hohenlohe as Minister to

Paris.

THE Duke of Edinburgh has arrived at St.

Petersburg on a visit to his father-in-law, and

perhaps to offer his condolences.

The Duke knows what it is to be shot at. He had

one experience of the kind in Australia some

years ago.

TAX registration system as applied to

liquor-drinking has not given satisfaction in

Virginia. Both Houses of the Legislature

yesterday passed a bill repealing the Moff

Bell-Punch law and restoring the old license

system after May 1.

SOME fences in need of mending have

brought Congressman Fort on a hurried visit to Springfield. Inasmuch as he declined to be interviewed, the precise relation between

this visit and the pending Gubernatorial can-

didate can only be surmised.

It is with Brazil this time. The Vatican

threatens to break off diplomatic relations

with the Government of that country if it

persists in its nomination to the vacant office

of Olinda. The appointment seems to

be very obnoxious to his Holiness.

An organization to cooperate with the Na-

tional Land-League of Ireland, of which Mr.

Parnell is President, was formed in New

York Sunday. The membership is already

quite large, and the promoters are confident

of doing good service for the cause of Irish

land-law reform.

THE question of disposing of Chicago sew-

erage still continues to occupy a large share of

attention, and many and various are the theo-

ries advanced and the plans suggested for

the remedy of the present unsatisfactory con-

dition of things. Meanwhile, the chemists

and microscopists are discovering in our

hydrant water such fearful presences as

dendrites, rotifers, spirogyra, cyclo, ocella-

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The London Times says that it is too soon to commence arranging as to the future dis- position of Afghanistan. The war is not yet ended. Many of the tribes are offering a determined resistance. It may be predicted with considerable certainty that, although England may gain a foothold in Afghanistan, it will be no easy matter to retain it.

The Supreme Court yesterday decided as unconstitutional a West Virginia State law excluding colored citizens from jury service in that State. The Court held that the law was antagonistic to the spirit of the Fourteenth Amendment and to the principle that an accused person should be tried by a jury of his peers. It is rather difficult to determine the Virginia and other Southern legislatures that the negroes have been emancipated. Justice Field dissented from the opinion of the majority.

TROUBLE seldom comes singly. The English farmers have suffered hard through the defective harvest of the last two years. Now a serious epidemic prevails among the sheep of Great Britain. The disease attacks the lambs and is said to be fatal in most instances.

When it is considered that many farmers in the Northern and Southwestern shires of England devote themselves almost wholly to sheep-farming, the spread of the disease cannot be viewed without alarm by not only the farmers but the English people generally.

THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the Pacific Railroads have settled their difficulties. An arrangement to continue five years has been entered upon by the committees of these corporations. The roads pay the steamship line \$110,000 per month in consideration of the right of the roads to fix passenger, freight and rates to the Pacific Coast. The roads are to purchase the steamship Tokio and City of Pekin, of the China Line, for \$1,500,000, paying for them in gold. The roads will be on an equal war footing with other companies, and to be prepared to meet any emergency that might arise. The German Government do not intend to catch mopping, and will not stop to think of the expense.

BORN branches of the Iowa Legislature yesterday received Messrs. Parrott and Dillon very cordially. Last evening they addressed a large audience in the Des Moines Opera House, presided over by Gov. Gear. It was worthy of notice that Mr. Parrott's reception was the most enthusiastic in the most Republican localities. New York City, that was bed of Tammany Democracy, was far behind Chicago in this matter, as the Parrot and Dillon Reception Committee in that city have graciously acknowledged by their recent vote of thanks.

THE West Chicago Park Commissioners yesterday elected officers for the year. Notwithstanding the Board had declared on its advent to power that no officer would be paid a salary except the Secretary, the members proceeded to vote themselves salaries on the motion of Commissioner McCrae. The salary of the President was fixed at \$2,000, and that of the Secretary at \$1,500. The retiring President, Mr. Woodward, was voted \$2,000 back pay. It is doubtful if he will consider it consistent with his record or his previous pledges to accept the salary.

FRANK O'MEARA, late Secretary of the Red-Hot Committee of the Butchers' Union of this city, has been elected from Cleveland, where he had gone in search of employment, to vindicate himself against the charge of abounding with the funds of the Union. He proposes to make it interesting for his audience—Sullivan, O'Connell, Stokes, Downes and Powers, officers of the Society. It is to be sincerely hoped, if any of the demagogues who created the recent troubles at the Stock-Yards are guilty of misappropriation of any funds, that they will be summarily and quickly dealt with.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, a mulatto, under indictment for the murder of Fenton Beattie, through his attorney said he believed he could not obtain a fair and impartial trial before any of the Cook County Judges save McAllister. That Judge, however, refused to try the case, as did Judge Barnum, the "second choice" of the prisoner. It may be all the Judges will refuse to like manner. He would not object. He will be in the position of the Irishman who, when he was told he was to be hanged, said, "I am not afraid of hanging."

THE Young Republicans are organizing for Blaine. A largely-attended meeting was held last evening at the Grand Pacific, and was addressed by Mr. Steve Hurbut, who spoke in praise of Blaine, and pointed out the risk the party would incur in nominating Gen. Grant, while six great States were opposed to him. Grant had the speaker's respect, but it did seem as if there were more than one man in America capable of filling the Presidential chair with honor and himself satisfied with the people.

THE general election, which is to be held on the 17th of March, will be the second in the history of the Stock-Yards.

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RAILROADS.

The "High Joints" on the Recent Lowering of Freight-Rates.

A Talk as to the Tariff for the Approaching Summer's Business.

Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Company—The Year's Business.

California Passenger Business—The Chicago, Rockford & Northern.

Important Agreement Between the Pacific Roads and the Pacific Mail Steamer Company.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

The official report of the proceedings of the Joint Executive Committee, better known as the "High Joints," at their meetings in this city Feb. 26 and 27, has been published and submitted to the various roads in the Association. The accounts heretofore published were necessarily full as could be desired, as the meetings were held with closed doors and the doings of the magnates had to be secured with a great deal of labor from such men as were willing to talk out of school. The official report contains several items that will be of interest. The action in regard to the new classification and the revision of rates to New England interior points was substantially reported as published in the official account, and so was the action regarding the revision of rates on live hogs.

The following items in regard to the reduction of grain rates to the East, as given in the official report, were highly interesting, and are here given in full:

Mr. Butler, of the New York Central, said he was not prepared to express at once any definite opinion on the subject. Many grain dealers had said to him that a reduction in the corn rate would move the product, and that the grain rates should be reduced to the winter rate would not move the article at present. He hoped to hear fully from the Western roads.

Mr. Blanchard stated that representations were being made to Washington to influence the action of the Senate Committee on the House, which sought to show that the system of co-operative organization in making rates had been a great power in the country, and he thought this committee should avoid the subject of grain rates as such, as such power arbitrarily and unreasonably. It was also alleged by these letters and statements that the grain rates were higher in the West than those east of the trunk-lines in western terminals, and the discriminations in western terminals were the chief cause of the trouble in the West. He thought the power of charging fair and uniform rates by the co-operation which had been established should be used to open and aboveboard, and be based solely on what is right, and that the Committee should avoid the subject of grain rates as such, and he further thought it would have been desirable in the West to have made the announcement that no reduction in the winter rate was to be made, and, further, that it would be desirable to make but three changes of tariff possible.

He had no objection to the policy of the question deserving of serious consideration. He supported the editorial article of *The Tribune* of Wednesday, and the question had been sent to every member of Congress and every railroad official in the country.

Mr. H. Smith, of the Baltimore & Ohio, said that the general public had had but little effect, as the statements made therein in "that previous to the closing of navigation last fall" railroad rates on grain and provisions was 15 cents per bushel, and that the rates in New York and other Western points reflected the same, but when water competition shut off the grain traffic in the winter, this rate was advanced by railroad roads, and grain rates of 40 cents on provisions, was unknown to him.

On the Philadelphia & Erie the tonnage rates had been lowered to the lowest, and the cost the least. The statement follows:

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